

Title (en)

Quenching process and apparatus for practicing said process

Title (de)

Abschreckungsverfahren und Vorrichtung zur Ausführung des Verfahrens

Title (fr)

Procédé de trempe et appareil de mise en oeuvre dudit procédé

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Abstract (en)

[origin: EP2505676A1] A process for quenching heat treated metal parts using a liquid quenchant and high pressure is disclosed. In general, the process includes the steps of providing a load of heat treated metal parts in a pressure vessel wherein the load is at an elevated temperature after being heat treated. In a subsequent step, a liquid quenchant is injected into the pressure vessel such that a vapor of the liquid quenchant forms rapidly in the pressure vessel and cools the metal parts. The step of injecting the liquid quenchant into the pressure vessel is continued for a time sufficient to establish a desired peak vapor pressure in the pressure vessel. An apparatus for carrying out the disclosed process is also described.

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